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THE MESS IN THE CAULDRON.

The Democrats are claiming that they created Otero county. Yes, "WE killed a bear."

I wonder if my friend A. B. Renahan is ashamed to have his real name known in connection with the Democratic party, or if he writes such an abominable hand that the Democratic editors are unable to decipher it?

So far, I have never mentioned the Alamogordo Banner, either favorably or otherwise, but I desire now to state that it is the cleanest, and best Democratic weekly newspaper in Southwest New Mexico. It does not rave and tear at the progression of the town, nor does it attempt to create dissension and factional strife. I hope it will succeed, and I earnestly commend it to every business man of this place, as worthy of patronage, so long as it holds to its present diplomatic and progressive course. How it has managed to do so, surrounded by the "scrapping," opposing clique that would naturally attempt to dictate its policy, is past my understanding.

I am credibly informed that the White Oaks Eagle is openly repudiated by nearly every respectable man in that town, and that its utterances have as little local as foreign weight. This being the case, it is the earnest wish of every citizen in every town along the line of the El Paso & Northeastern that White Oaks be given a railway as soon as practicable. Had it not been for the fact that the Eagle and its backers have in every possible manner fought the railway company, White Oaks would have been provided with a branch long ago. However, White Oaks needs a good newspaper worse than it needs a railway. A newspaper that will welcome capital, hold out inducements, advertise its town and advance its best interests.

The Democratic newspapers accuse Governor Otero of working for statehood because he desires to perpetuate himself in office. If Governor Otero really desired to attain that end his easiest method would be to oppose and prevent statehood. Anyone with a lick of sense knows that McKinley will be the next president of the United States and Otero the next governor of New Mexico under a territorial form of government. If a local or state government can be secured, Governor Otero will secure the nomination and election to office through the efforts of the people. Then ballots will count. The Democratic party is opposed to statehood because it is the party of opposition and retrogression when the people's interests are under consideration.

Later, I will have something to say about the creation of Otero county and just what part influential Democrats took in the matter, and what credit they reflected on the county at a later stage. It is very good campaign matter and will keep for the present. Sufficient at this time, is the statement that it was pledged by the Republican county central committee of Dona Anna county, inserted in the party platform through the efforts of David Sutherland, president brought to bear territorial officials by W. S. Shepherd, lobbyist for the legislature by W. A. Hawkins, and insisted on by Governor M. A. Otero and officers of the Republican territorial central committee. It was no easy task to create the county, all the Republican machinery of the territory being brought into play to induce the joint caucus of both houses to agree to the bill. The principle objection to the bill was the Democratic complexion of the voters, which were proposed to be given a new county. One Democrat working for the bill, George Curry, gave color to the assertion of legislators that it would be a Democratic county. Nevertheless the Republican territorial committee and a Republican governor insisted that the party should redeem its pledge.

I clip the following from the Tularosa Democrat:

"Mrs. Roosevelt, the wife of Buckskin Ted, is now in Cuba, and intends climbing the San Juan hill—the hill where a negro regiment saved the rough riders. They are trying every device to keep the warrior's name before the people until the presidential nomination is made—but he will find a hill higher and rougher than the San Juan to climb before he reaches the White House."

Not satisfied with insulting the German and Irish voters of the county in a previous issue, the Democrat again now proposes to cast a slur on the gallant Rough Riders. I hope that the Democrat has sufficient circulation so that a copy of this issue will fall into the hands of every Rough Rider in the territory. New Mexico furnished three-fourths of the Rough Riders. They fought the shortest campaign in the history of great wars. Their courage and loyalty knew no bounds and their valor rings in the ears of all true and honest Americans. New Mexico is proud of them! A nation applauds their deeds! Many fathers, sons and grandfathers mourn the Rough Riders dead. Shame on the newspaper of party that repudiate them!

Perhaps the Democrat will assert that its heinous offense in publishing an article slandering Governor Roosevelt and the Rough Rider regiment was another "clipping." The shears probably slipped, as they did when the Irish and German voters were "roasted." Ignorance of newspaper work, like ignorance of the law, excuses no man. An editor who permits the expression of anyone to appear in his columns, without giving the signature of the author or credit for the clipping, assumes all responsibility.

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PROMINENT PERSONS PARAGRAPHER

F. M. Bowman is a new clerk in Auditor Hart's office.

Hon. W. S. Shepherd was in Captain on business this week.

James Fitch registered at the Alamogordo this week from El Paso.

T. B. Dockery registered at Hotel Alamogordo, Thursday from El Paso.

M. H. Webb, the El Paso druggist and stationer was in the city this week.

John Howland of El Paso is recuperating in the land of sunshine this week.

W. T. Carpenter of El Paso, registered at the Alamogordo the first of the week.

J. W. Kennedy of the Mexican Central is a guest of the Glenmore, this week.

J. M. Hale was in Alamogordo, Wednesday, drumming for El Paso hardware.

Henry Kelly registered at the Alamogordo, the first of the week, from the Paso City.

Mrs. W. E. Warren, wife of Alamogordo's first druggist, visited El Paso this week.

Dr. Bryan has returned to Alamogordo, and will shortly resume his medical practice here.

W. M. Clute, county commissioner of Lincoln county has been in Alamogordo the past week.

Mrs. Jones of El Paso came up on Saturday train and visited Mrs. Laughlin at the Glenmore.

Mrs. Bryden left Alamogordo this week for the purpose of joining her husband at Captain.

Mrs. J. C. Wesley and son Victor, are enjoying a visit to the San Rosalia springs, Old Mexico.

A. S. Stevenson, of the Alamogordo Lumber company was in town this week from Toboggan.

C. S. Frankel of El Paso, Texas, visited the "Magic City" and talked to the merchants this week.

Doctor Bryan returned to Alamogordo yesterday from Hotel El Paso, much improved in health.

R. White is in Captain this week looking over the prospects in the new metropolis of Lincoln County.

A. P. Jackson, the pioneer lumberman of Alamogordo, is in Captain looking over his business interests.

L. R. Conroy is in Mexico, on an extended business trip. In the interest of the Alamogordo Lumber company.

I. N. Blaser passed through town today en-route to Las Cruces where he will serve on the United States jury.

Chas. D. Scott, assistant general freight agent of the Rock Island railway was in Alamogordo this week.

Nat. C. Hun-On of Kansas City arrived in Alamogordo Wednesday. Mr. Hunston will engage the cattle business here.

J. H. O'Reilly of Albuquerque, was in the city this week. He is a representative of the New York Mutual Life Insurance company.

F. A. Nymeyer has returned home from a trip to Chicago. While there he arranged to dispose of the \$10,000 school bonds recently voted.

A. M. Ransom arrived in the city this week from New Orleans. Mr. Ransom is an expert mill right and sawyer and will take charge of the mechanical part of the Alamogordo saw mills.

T. A. Lewis, representing the El Paso News, was an Alamogordo visitor this week. He says that the News is forging ahead in line shape and will eventually win out as a business proposition.

Judge B. E. Adams of Abiqua, Grand Prelate of the Knights of Pythias, came up from El Paso with the excursion of Knights of Pythias from that city to this, Saturday, and remained here this week.

Hon. Chris Yeager of Jarilla, was in town yesterday shaking hands with his hosts of friends. Chris is prospering in the "Klondike of the New Southwest," and feels happy. He has recently returned from an eastern trip.

T. L. Knowles, greeted old friends in Alamogordo, Monday. He is an old resident of Alamogordo, being connected with the El Paso & Northeastern, before his departure for Waco, Tex., where he has been attending the Waco Business college and he is delighted to once more be in the sunny city.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The following is the text of the patriotic and forcible resolutions adopted by the Republican territorial convention at Socorro:

1. With the record of the achievements of the national Republican party during the last three years as a guarantee of the protection of the honor of our nation, and the prosperity of our fellowmen in the future, the Republican party of the territory of New Mexico, in convention assembled, at Socorro, N. M., on the 17th day of March, 1900, reaffirms its faith and allegiance to the declaration of principles set forth in the national Republican platform of 1896.

2. That we pledge ourselves, and the party in New Mexico, to the hearty support of the platform to be adopted in Philadelphia, to protection, sound money and expansion, and to the nomination of that convention, whom we believe will, and of right should be, that honored, tried, true and patriotic type of American manhood, William McKinley.

3. That we admire and reverence the wise and patriotic administration by President McKinley, of public affairs in war and in peace, at home and abroad, and that particularly this territory is grateful to him and the principle he represents, for the unprecedented prosperity we have enjoyed during the three years of his administration; that we are grateful to the president for appointing a governor a native of this territory, the first in our history under the American government, and we most heartily endorse the administration of Governor Otero as having been economical, conservative and prudent, and for the best interests of New Mexico here and in the past.

4. We particularly commend in Governor Otero his zeal and energy in organizing the troops from New Mexico for the war with Spain, by which he enabled New Mexico to furnish more than her quota of soldiers in less time than was required, and in that splendid American regiment called the "Rough Riders" to gain for our territory undying fame, and for his excellent and voluminous reports upon the different sections of the territory, made to the secretary of the interior, and through him to the president, congress and the citizens of the United States, which have done so much to bring our great natural advantages before the people of the country. We believe the salaries paid to the governor and justices of the supreme court to be altogether inadequate. Therefore, we earnestly pray that the bill now before congress for an increase in the salary of those officers be enacted into law.

5. That this convention strongly commends the measure introduced into the United States senate by Chairman M. Depew, of New York, a bill entitled "an act to promote and encourage the mining, mineral and metallurgical industries of the United States," and that our delegates in congress be instructed to use all honorable means in aiding and securing the passage of the same.

6. We heartily approve the action of congress in its refusal to pass laws pending before it under which it was proposed to lease the public domain in the territory of New Mexico, and thereby deprive our citizens of the privilege of pasturing and grazing their herds and herds thereon.

7. That, whereas there are many just and meritorious claims pending on account of the Indian depredations, for the adjudication and payment of which no adequate provision has yet been made, we respectfully call the attention of congress thereto, and earnestly request such legislation as will lead to a prompt consideration and payment of all such claims.

8. We renew our demand for the speedy admission of our territory into the sisterhood of states as an inherent right by virtue of our population, resources, our past and present patriotism, and our constant loyalty to the flag of the union and solemn treaty obligations.

9. And in the resolution that this convention votes the Republican party of our territory in an appeal to the members of the house of representatives to defeat the bill recently reported favorably by the committee on territories of the said house of representatives disapproving the act of the legislative assembly of New Mexico, entitled—"An act to create McKinley county," being chapter 19 of the session laws of 1899. That in this proposed legislation we perceive an attempted interference with the right of local self government, which should properly be submitted to the territorial legislative assembly for appropriate legislation thereon, and a covert design by interested persons to now defeat an act of the assembly which those same persons at the time of its passage advocated, and that we hereby disapprove and distinctly condemn the policy pursued in the attempted passage of the measure by congress.

10. Resolved, That the Hon. Solomon Luna our present able and efficient member of the Republican national committee, be and he is hereby unanimously endorsed for that position for the ensuing term upon such conditions, with our sincere thanks and appreciation for his valuable services thereon in the past.

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